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1. We have been studying the ITEMS OF WORSHIP.
2. Discussed--Lord's Supper, Prayer.
3. In this study--WORSHIP THROUGH SONGS--SINGING.
4. The scene in Heaven--Rev 5: The Multitudes SING
5. Will divide the lesson into two sections:
 - (1) Singing - Col 3:16
 - (2) Why no instruments of man in our worship.

I. LET'S READ ALL THE N.T. SAYS ABOUT SINGING:

1. Mt 26:30; Mk 14:26--"They sung a hymn."
2. Acts 16:25--"Praying and singing hymns."
3. Rom 15:9--"...sing unto thy name."
4. 1 Cor 14:15--"I will sing with the spirit and."
5. Eph 5:19--"...singing and making melody with your hearts to the Lord."
6. Col 3:16--"....singing with grace in your hearts unto God."
7. Heb 13:15--"the fruit of our lips, giving...."
8. Heb 2:12--"In the midst of the church will I sing"
9. Jas 5:13--"Is any merry? Let him sing psalms."

II. THE PURPOSE OF SINGING IS:

1. To teach and admonish one another--Col 3:16
2. To express joy or cheerfulness--Jas 5:13
3. To praise God--Heb 2:12
4. To make melody in our hearts unto God--Eph 5:19

III. THE MANNER OF SINGING (THE WAY THAT WE SHOULD SING)

1. With grace in your hearts unto God--Col 3:16
2. It is to be the fruit of our lips--Heb 13:15
3. NOTE: Thus far we have noted the absence of any entertainment or showmanship that so often is seen by so many today.
The reason for our singing is to praise God, to worship Jehovah, to express our joy unto a merciful Father, etc.

IV. WHAT SHOULD WE SING??

1. Songs that teach: 246--"I will sing of my redeemer
248--"I know that my redeemer lives..."
2. Songs that admonish: 316--"There was one who was willing..."
227--"Stand up, stand up for Jesus
116--"Work for the night is coming"
3. Songs of praise:
69--"Praise the Lord
77--"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"
4. Songs of Prayer:
23-65--Any of these
5. Songs of Thanksgiving:
68--Count your many blessings
36--"Thou My Everlasting portion"
6. Songs of invitation:
640--"Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
605--"Just as I am"

CONCLUSION:

1. God's Word does not tell only a few to sing, but all are commanded to sing
2. God doesn't expect a beautiful voice, but does expect our worship.
3. We should enjoy singing, so let us all try our best to sing every song, to the best of our ability.
4. Can you sing with meaning, "Jesus is all the world to me?"

NEXT,, WHY WE DO NOT USE MECHANICAL INSTRUMENTS OR MUSIC IN OUR WORSHIP.

The Christian sings because he has something to sing about.